

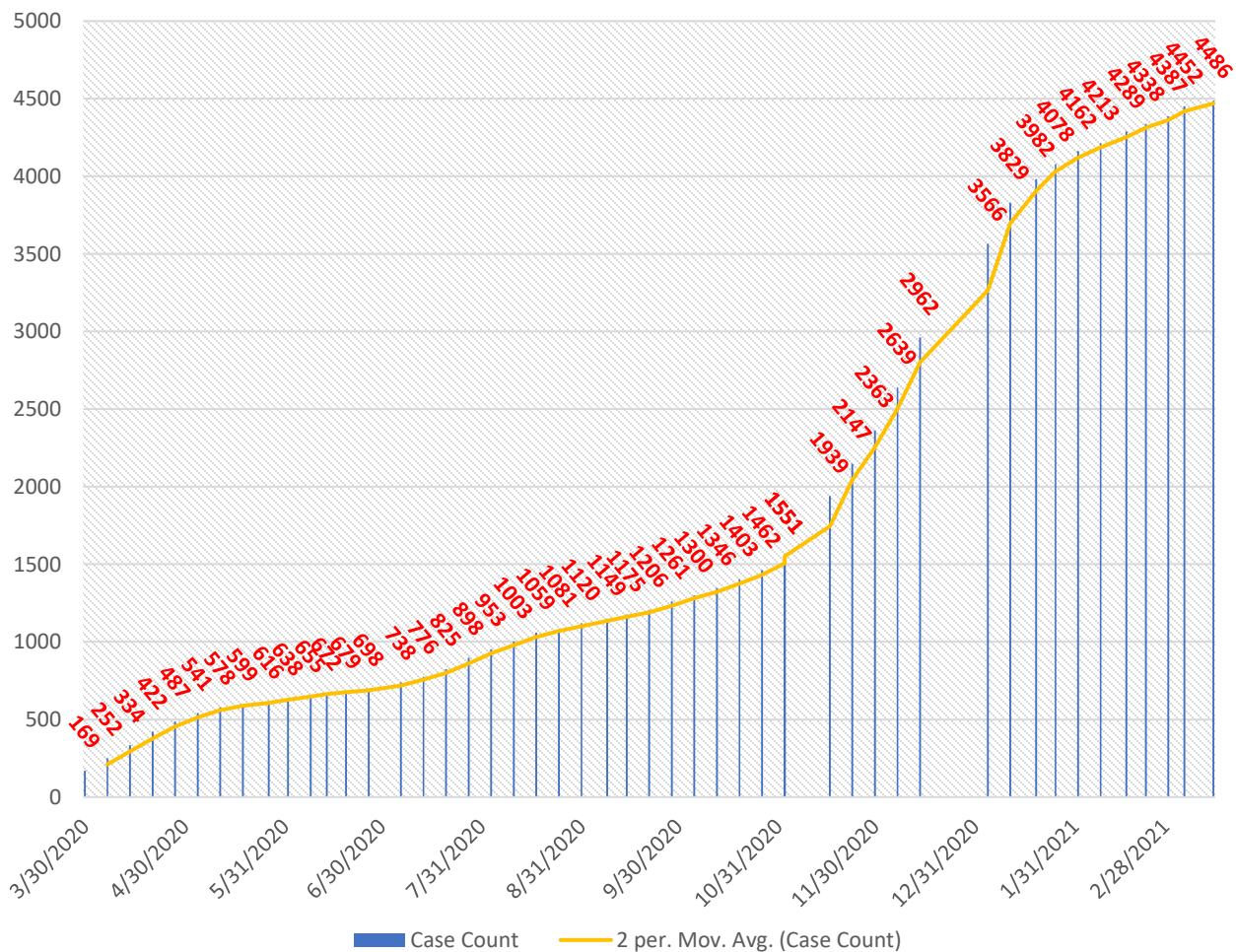
COVID-19 Council Update

March 15, 2021

Current Statistics as of 3/15/2021:

- **Snohomish County** – 31,737 Confirmed/Probable cases (+297 cases from 3/8)
 - 549 Deaths
 - 1,975 Hospitalizations
 - 25 currently hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19; 4 patients on ventilators
- **Washington State (info as of 3/12/2021)**– 349,425 Confirmed/Probable Cases (+4,893 cases from 3/5)
 - 5,123 Deaths statewide (+154 cases from 3/5)
 - 19,830 Hospitalizations
 - 1.5% of Deaths/Total Cases
- **City of Lynnwood** – 4,486 Cases (+34 from 3/8) – 4,208 recovered
 - 71 Deaths

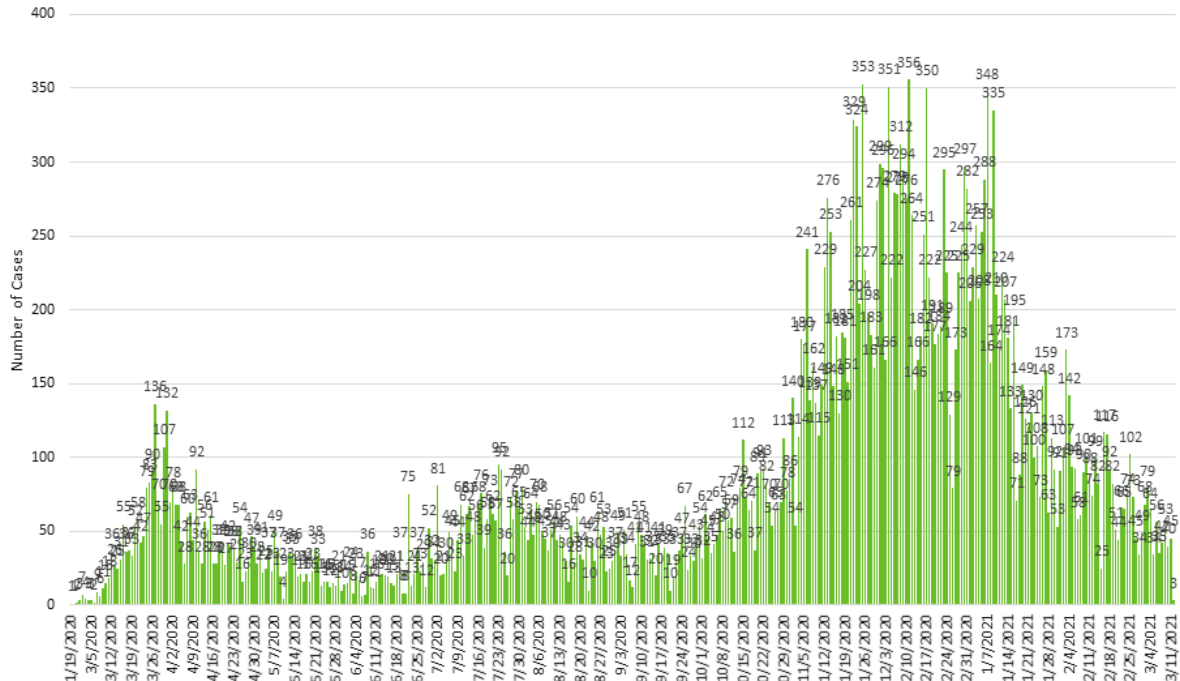
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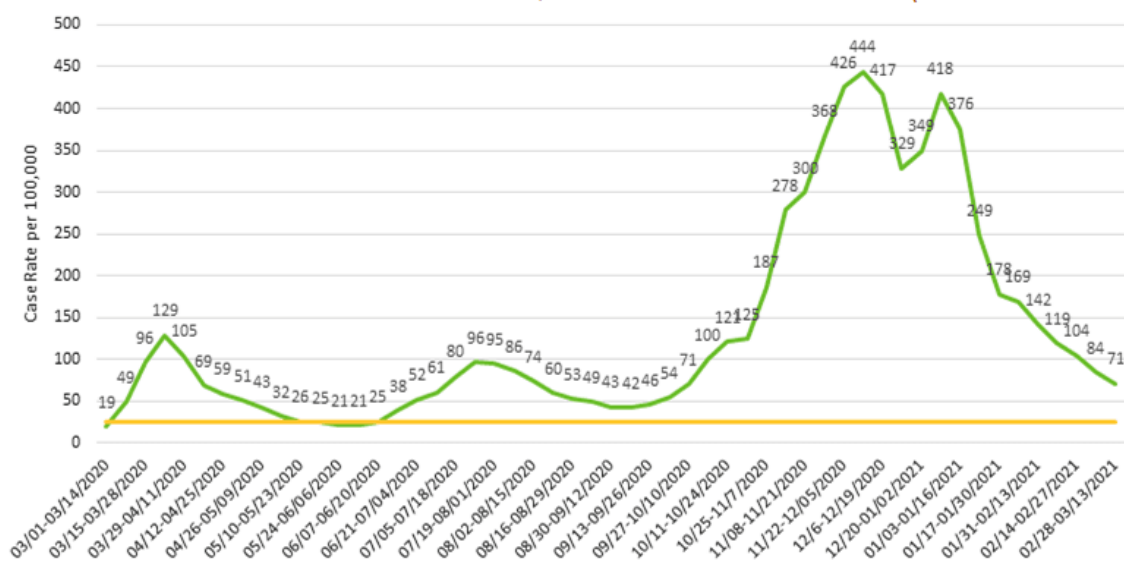
Status Update:

- COVID Case Update:** COVID-19 case rates in Snohomish County continue to drop, but the decline may be slowing. Please keep wearing a mask, washing hands and staying home if you feel sick.

COVID-19 CASES REPORTED IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY BY DATE (UPDATED WEEKDAYS)

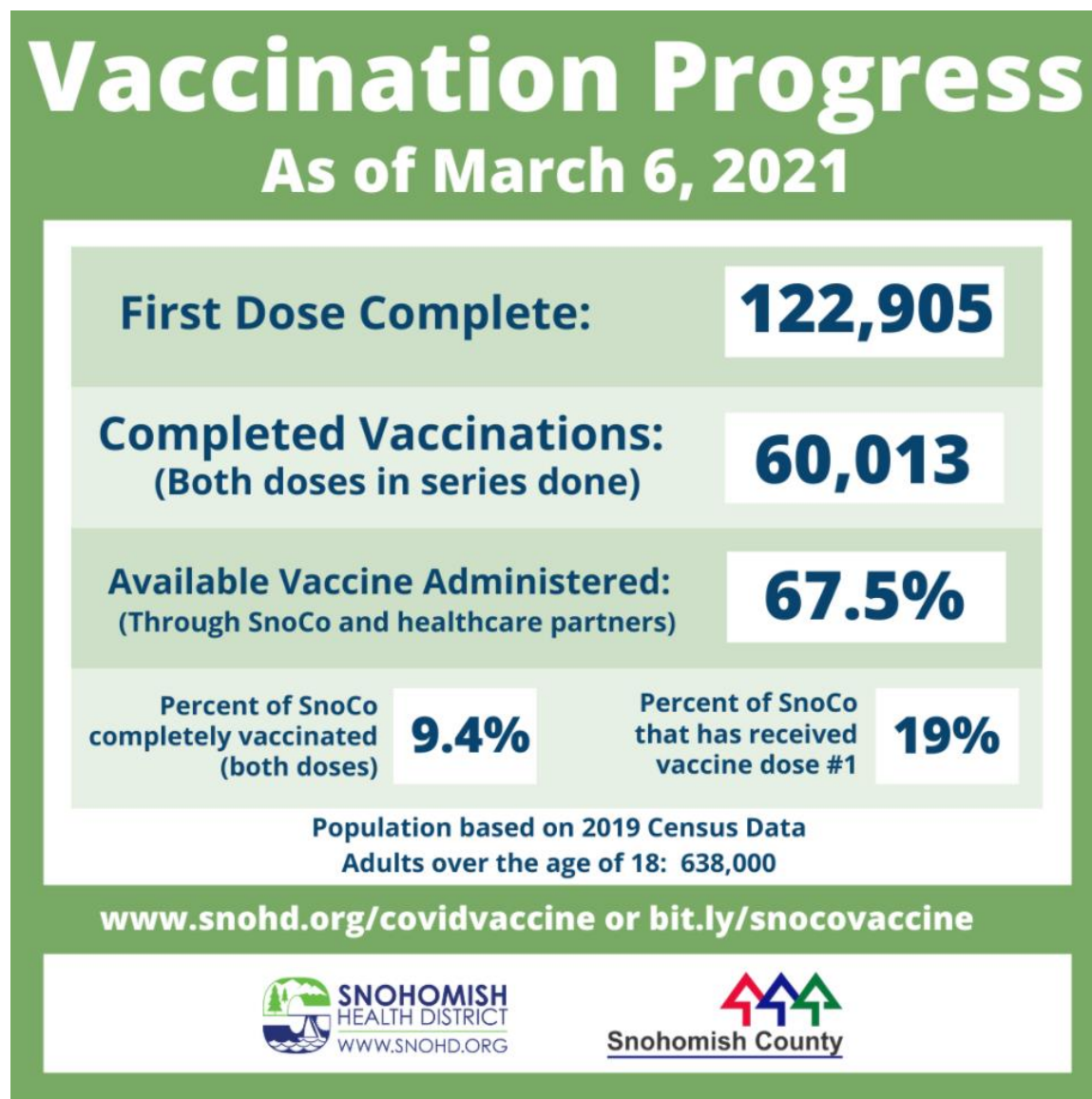


SNOHOMISH COUNTY COVID-19 CASE RATE PER 100,000 FOR 2-WEEK ROLLING PERIOD (UPDATED MONDAYS)



- Snohomish County Vaccination Update:** Beginning on March 17, the COVID-19 vaccine will be available to more people including critical workers in agriculture, food processing and grocery, corrections, courts, public transit, and people 16+ who are pregnant or have a disability that puts them at a high risk for severe COVID-19 illness.

As of March 6th, 9.4% of Snohomish County residents have been fully vaccinated.



Reminder: To find out if you are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine visit findyourphasewa.org. Contact your primary care physician, clinic or pharmacy to schedule an appointment. Or to schedule an appointment at one of the five community mass vaccination sites visit www.bit.ly/SnoCoHub or call the Snohomish Health District's COVID hotline at 425-339-5278.

- **Governor Inslee Announces Move to Phase 3:** Beginning on March 22, all counties will move to Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery plan. Mask wearing and social distancing are still required, but most indoor venues will be able to open at 50%. Phase 3 adds additional guidance for sports and sports spectating as well as additional guidance for outdoor events. Once in Phase 3, Snohomish County must continue to keep COVID case rates below 200 per 100,000 population (the rate currently is 84 cases per 100,000), and to maintain a seven-day rolling average of less than five new COVID hospitalizations per 100,000 population.

- **Governor Inslee Declares Children’s Mental Health Crisis:** On Friday, Governor Inslee stated he would sign an emergency proclamation mandating all schools to offer more opportunities for in-person learning for all K-12 students. Under the proclamation, schools will be required to provide in-person instruction for all students who want it, at least twice a week. There will still be fully remote options available. Governor Inslee stated he is convinced that data shows schools can safely reopen, with precautions, and that students’ mental health is suffering from prolonged isolation from teachers and peers.

In response, Edmonds School District Superintendent Dr. Gustavo Balderas released the following message: “The district is working with our employee groups so we can move quickly and effectively to follow the orders set out by the governor to offer an option for in-person learning to all of our students by mid-April. We know our students and families have been struggling for nearly a year, as it was March 13, 2020, when we were ordered to close all schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will share more information about the next steps to meet the governor’s mandate soon.”

- **Snohomish Health District Testing Sites:** Due to decreasing demand, the Everett Community College testing site has closed. This will allow SHD staff to reallocate their support toward vaccine sites.
 - 3900 Broadway, Everett: Monday - Friday from 9am-4pm
 - 5320 176th St SW, Lynnwood: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-4pm
 - Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9am-4pm

Testing is for COVID-19 and is by appointment only. Register and find more info at www.snohd.org/testing.

- **American Rescue Plan Act Update:** Last Thursday, President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan which provides direct relief to families and communities.

IRS begins delivering third round of pandemic economic impact payments

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that the third round of COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments will begin reaching Americans this week. Following approval of the American Rescue Plan Act, the first batch of payments will be sent by direct deposit, which some recipients will start receiving as early as this weekend, and with more receiving this coming week.

Additional batches of payments will be sent in the coming weeks by direct deposit and through the mail as a check or debit card. The vast majority of these payments will be by direct deposit. No action is needed by most taxpayers; the payments will be automatic and, in many cases, similar to how people received the first and second round of Economic Impact Payments in 2020. People can check the “Get My Payment” tool on IRS.gov to see the payment status of the third stimulus payment.

In general, most people will get \$1,400 for themselves and \$1,400 for each of their qualifying dependents claimed on their tax return. As with the first two Economic Impact Payments in 2020, most Americans will receive their money without having to take any action. Some Americans may see the direct deposit payments as pending or as provisional payments in their accounts before the official payment date of March 17.


The third round of stimulus payments, those authorized by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act, differs from the earlier payments in several respects:

- The third stimulus payment will be larger for most people. Most families will get \$1,400 per person, including all dependents claimed on their tax return. Typically,

this means a single person with no dependents will get \$1,400, while a family of four (married couple with two young dependents) will get \$5,600.

- Unlike the first two payments, the third stimulus payment is not restricted to children under 17. Eligible families will get a payment based on all of their qualifying dependents claimed on their return, including older relatives like college students, adults with disabilities, parents and grandparents.
- **Lynnwood Releases Video Message of Support to Asian-American Community Members:** In light of the rise of disturbing anti-Asian American attacks in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Lynnwood, Lynnwood Police Department and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission condemn all acts of hate and violence. We reaffirm our commitment to being a safe, welcoming, and equitable community where All Are Welcome.


View the video message here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uSj7DPzW5g>

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- **COVID-19 case rates are falling, but concern exists about potential for fourth wave in state:** The state Department of Health late last week released the latest statewide situation report on COVID-19. A key concern: a possible fourth wave infection. "When you look at our data, there is a pattern of several waves of COVID-19 activity followed by a return to baseline level. The baseline we reached after our second wave in summer 2020 was higher than the level after our first wave. Now, following the third wave that began last fall, cases have flattened out at higher baseline level than ever before," said Acting State Health Officer Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH. "I'm concerned about what this means for the future and a possibility of a fourth wave of activity, along with the increases we are seeing in variants of the virus. As we continue working to accelerate vaccination so we can protect more people, it's critical that we all maintain the precautions we've been taking to stop the spread of the virus."

Report findings include:

- Case counts have increased slightly in western Washington and plateaued in eastern Washington as of late February. Case counts are still relatively high across the state—around the same level we were seeing last October when the third wave of disease activity was ramping up. Plateauing or increasing at these high levels is concerning.
- Most counties have seen declines in case counts since the first week of January, but cases have flattened in several counties and are starting to increase again in others. Six of 39 counties had rates above 200 new cases per 100,000 people over the two-week period ending on Feb. 25. No counties had rates above 500 new cases per 100,000 people.
- Cases are increasing among younger adults aged 20-29 and 30-39. This has previously been an early warning sign of larger surges in the general population. Case counts in other age groups were declining, but have now flattened. As more people who are 60 and older get vaccinated, we expect to see a more rapid decline in cases in this population.
- We are seeing sharp declines in hospital admission rates among people 70 and older, possibly because those groups are among the first to get vaccinated. Admissions have declined at different rates depending on the age group. Overall, hospital admissions have flattened in eastern Washington and continue to decline in western Washington.
- COVID-19 transmission is continuing at about the same level after declines through January and February. The best estimate of the reproductive number (how many new people each COVID-19 patient will infect) in the state on Feb. 19 was 0.96. The goal is to maintain a reproductive number well below one — meaning COVID-19 transmission is declining — for a substantial amount of time.
- The estimated prevalence (percentage of people with active COVID-19 infections) began to plateau in early February after declines in January. High prevalence means there are a lot of people with infections who may need health care and could be spreading the virus to others. The best model-based prevalence estimate as of Feb. 19 was 0.11%.
- **REMINDERS:**

Staying home is still the safest. If you do go out, keep it quick, keep your distance and wear a face covering. Recreate and do business locally to avoid spreading the virus across county lines. Limit the number of people outside of your household that you gather with every week. If you feel symptoms of COVID-19, get tested.

 - Symptoms: Fever, Chills, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle pain or body aches, Headache, Sore throat, Runny nose or nasal congestion, or New loss of taste or smell.
 - Asymptomatic individuals: If you are a close contact of a confirmed case, or Live in a congregate setting, like a shelter, group home or assisted living facility, or Work in a location that has had a case, Part of a family or social network that has had a case, or Work in healthcare, EMS, law enforcement or other fields where work settings have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, or Are part of a racial or ethnic group that has been disproportionately impacted by this virus in terms of rate or severity of cases (this includes people who are Black, Latinx, Native American/Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander).
- **Extended Telecommuting:** The EOC Command Staff along with Mayor Smith have made the decision to extend employee telecommuting through July 31, 2021.